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NCDC ASSISTANCE FOR SETTING UP OF COLD STORAGES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the norms fixed for National Cooperative Development Corporation to provide financial assistance to State Governments for establishment of pre-cooling and cold storage projects by cooperatives for storage of potatoes and other fruits and vegetables;

(b) the total funds provided to the States for this purpose during the last three years, State-wise, year-wise;

(c) the achievements made in regard to establishment of pre-cooling and cold storages in these States during the above period;

(d) whether the Government has monitored the proper utilization of the Central funds; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The Government provides financial assistance to the State Government through National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) for establishment of pre-cooling and cold storage projects and its capacity expansion, modernization and rehabilitation in the cooperative sector under the Scheme `Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/Modernization Expansion of Cold Storage and Storages for Horticulture Produce` of National Horticulture Board. Assistance is provided as credit linked back ended capital investment subsidy @ 25% of the total project cost with a maximum limit of Rs. 50 lakh for general States and @ 33.33% with a maximum limit of Rs. 60 lakh for North-Eastern (NE) States, for setting up/capacity expansion of cold storages of 5000 metric tonnes. NCDC also provides 65% (56.67% for NE States) of the project cost as a loan for such proposals which are technically feasible and economically viable. The balance 10% is borne by the beneficiary cooperative society.

(b) & (c): The total funds provided to the States and the physical achievement is given at Annexure −I.

(d) & (e): The NCDC monitors the assisted project through periodic progress report and reimburses the amount to the State Government/Societies based on the expenditure incurred by the beneficiary cooperative institutions. The details of the projects already assisted are given at Annexure-II